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SUBJECT: ANTI-MIDWAY DEMONSTRATION, OCT 7

SUMMARY: OCTOBER 7 DEMONSTRATION AT YOKOSUKA, BILLED AS MAIN ANTI-MIDWAY EVENT BY 18 SPONSORING ORGANIZATION, WAS LIVELIEST BUT MOST ORDERLY DEMONSTRATION AT YOKOSUKA THUS FAR. ONLY 16,000 SHOWED UP FOR EVENT DUE TO COLD DRIZZLE FROM EARLY MORNING. EVENT WAS UNMARRED BY PRESENCE OF EXTREMIST STUDENTS. WHEN KAKUMARU AND CHUKAKU WITHDRAWAL FROM EVENT BECAME KNOWN BEFORE NOON, POLICE REDUCED 6,000 MAN RIOT POLICE CONTINGENT BY ONE-HALF. NEXT DEMONSTRATION ON OCTOBER 10 (GOJ HOLIDAY) EXPECTED TO BE EQUALLY PEACEFUL. END SUMMARY.

1. OCTOBER 7 DEMONSTRATION AT YOKOSUKA, WIDELY HERALDED AS MAIN ANT-MIDWAY SHOW OF FORCE BY EIGHTEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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OPPOSITION PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS SPONSORING THE

EVENT, WAS LIVELIEST BUT MOST ORDERLY MAJOR DEMONSTRATION IN THAT PORT CITY DURING PAST WEEK. PERHAPS MAINLY DUE TO COLD DRIZZLE FROM EARLY MORNING, ONLY 16,000 SHOWED UP, CONSIDERABLY BELOW ESTIMATES OF TOKYO PRESS (100,000), SPONSORS (45,000), OR EVEN GOJ POLICE (25,000). PARTICIPANTS WERE MAINLY FROM JSP-SOKYO (9,090) AND JCP (6,300). KOMEITO SHARED TOP BILLING AMONG SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS, BUT PRODUCED ONLY 300 PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING 15 DIET MEMBERS, OWING TO RELUCTANCE TO DEMONSTRATE EN MASSE WITH COMMUNISTS.

2. RALLY AND PARADE WHICH LASTED OVER THREE HOURS IN AFTERNOON WAS UNMARRED BY ANY INCIDENT DUE TO ABSENCE OF VIOLENCE-PRONE STUDENTS. DUE TO OBJECTIONS OF JSP-JCP-KOMEITO SPONSORS, KAKUMARU DECIDED SHORTLY BEFORE NOON NOT TO APPEAR AT SEASIDE PARK WITH 1,000 MAN CONTINGENT. CHUKAKU PARTICIPATION WAS STOPPED BY POLICE DETENTION OF STUDENT LEADERS EARLIER THAT DAY. DUE TO ABSENCE THESE TWO GROUPS, POLICE REDUCED 6,000 MAN RIOT POLICE CONTINGENT AT YOKOSUKA BY ONE-HALF. SEVERAL LARGE GROUPS OF JSP AND JCP YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS (E.G. MINSEIDO) TOOK PART IN PARADE, BUT POLICE KEPT ONLY NOMINAL SURVEILLANCE AND EVEN ALLOWED CERTAIN AMOUNTS OF ILLEGAL SNAKE-DANCING BY THESE TIGHTLY DISCIPLINED GROUPS. ONLY UNFORESEEN HAPPENING WAS SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF 500 "FOURTH INTERNATIONALE" STUDENTS WHO MARCHED SIX MILES FROM ZUSHI. THEY WERE ALLOWED TO MARCH ON ROUTE 16 PRIOR REGULAR PARADE SINCE IT WAS SHORTEST DISTANCE TO DOWNTOWN RAILROAD STATION.

3. AT SEASIDE PARK RALLY AND SHORT DEMONSTRATIONS AT YOKOSUKA MAIN GATE BY EACH PARADE GROUP, SPEAKERS STRESSED DANGER OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOARD USS MIDWAY TO GREATER EXTENT THAN AT PREVIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS, PROBABLY DUE TO HEAVIER JCP REPRESENTATION. TOP POLITICAL PERSONALITY AT RALLY WAS JSP SEC GEN ISHIBASHI. UNUSUAL HAPPENING OF AFTERNOON WAS TEN-MINUTE HARANGUE IN FLUENT ENGLISH BY GYOTSU UNCLASSIFIED

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SATO, COMMUNIST-LINE NICHIREN BUDDHIST PRIEST, FROM ATOP EXCEPTIONALLY LOUD SOUND TRUCK AT YOKOSUKA MAIN GATE.

4. POLICE EXPECT LITTLE TROUBLE AT NEXT DEMONSTRATION AT YOKOSUKA OCTOBER 10 (GOJ HOLIDAY). ABOUT 3,000 MEMBERS OF SOHYO YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS ARE EXPECTED AT RALLY-PARADE THAT DAY.

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